

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully requested. Applicant thanks the Examiner for total consideration given the present application. Claims 2-5 and 11 are currently pending. No claims have been added or canceled through this reply. Therefore, claims 2-5 and 11 are pending. Claims 2, 5, and 11 are independent. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the rejected claims in light of the remarks presented herein, and earnestly seek timely allowance of all pending claims.

OFFICIAL ACTION

Obvious-Type Double Patenting Rejection

During an Examiner initiated interview on April 30, 2008, the Examiner indicated all pending claims were allowable and the only remaining rejection is an obvious-type double-patenting rejection. The Examiner states current claims in this application raise an obvious-type double-patenting issue in view claims 1-16 of Okamoto et al. (U.S. Patent 7,359,341). The Applicant has filed a terminal disclaimer to overcome the remaining rejection pending in the application in order to place the application in condition for allowance. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdraw of this rejection is respectfully requested.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendment, applicant believes the pending application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Aslan Ettehadieh, Reg. No. 62,278, at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37.C.F.R. §§1.16 or 1.147; particularly, extension of time fees.

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